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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	10/634,493	MARTIN, GEORGE EDWIN <i>(RW)</i>
	Examiner	Art Unit
	Amy R. Cohen	2859

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 1 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 January 2005.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1 (as rejected in the previous office action) is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 3) <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____ | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. The proposed reply filed on January 27, 2005 has not been entered because it is unsigned.

Since the above mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME LIMIT MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

2. The reply filed on January 27, 2005 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): there is no Remarks section included in the mailing (see the next pages for format of a suggested proper Remarks section and response), the claims are not in proper format: each claim must only be one sentence long, dependent claims must state which claim they depend upon, the qualifier on the claims (i.e., new, currently amended, canceled, etc) must be in parentheses following the claim number. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

The following is provided as an example of the suggested format for responding to an Office Action. The comments in *italics* are provided to instruct Applicant of requirements in format and content for submitting a complete reply. Please contact the examiner if you have any questions regarding this example.

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Application Number:

Applicant(s):

Filing date:

Title:

Group Art Unit:

Examiner:

Response to Office Action

Amendment

In response to the Examiner's Action mailed on _____, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

This is an example of a section for presenting amendments, if appropriate. When amendments to a claim are submitted, the entire text of the claim is presented, with the added text shown as underlined and the deleted text shown enclosed in [brackets].

All claims in the application should be listed and the status for each claim should be stated.

For example:

In the claims:

Claim 1(currently amended) –provide text of claim 1 showing amendments, added text shown as underlined and deleted text shown enclosed in brackets—

Claim 2(previously amended)- provide text of claim 2 as previously presented in the application, in clean form. Changes made to claim 2 in a previous communication are not to be labeled the current response. -

Claims 3-5 (canceled)

Amendments to the Specification should be submitted in the form of a replacement for the paragraph where the change(s) will be made.

For example:

Please amend the paragraph starting on Page 7 of the Specification as follows:

--Copy the entire text of said paragraph with the added text shown as underlined and the deleted text shown as enclosed in [brackets]. --

Remarks

This is an example of a section for presenting arguments or comments in response to the Office Action.

Applicant should list all the grounds of rejection and objections presented in the Office action and respond by presenting arguments to a rejection or explaining how the changes made to the claim language overcome a rejection.

Moreover, Applicant should respond any the objections to the specification, the drawings or the claims by explaining how the objected matter has been corrected or presenting reasons for disagreeing with the objection.

Note the following examples:

-Claims 1-2 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112. Applicant disagrees with said rejection because...

-Claims 1-3 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) over Smith. It is considered that Smith does not disclose the limitation “***” recited in claim 1 because ...

-Claims 1-3 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Smith in view of Jones. Applicant does not agree that the combination of Smith and Jones renders the apparatus recited in claim 1 because ...

-Claims 1-3 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) over Smith. However, Smith does not disclose the limitation “***” which has been added to claim 1. Therefore, the amendment made to claim 1 is considered to overcome said rejection.

-The drawings have been objected because the reference numeral [50] has been omitted from Figure 2. A proposed correction of Figure 2 is enclosed hereto with the numeral [50] added in red ink and a corrected version of the sheet of drawings including Figure 2 incorporating said reference numeral in black ink is presented for review.

All applicants must sign and date the response

(sign)
(date)

To provide evidence of date of submitting the response, the document must include either of: a certificate of mailing, if the response is mailed to the Patent & Trademark Office; or a certificate of transmission, if the response is faxed to the corresponding Technology Center, in this case Technology Center 2800. The fax number for Technology Center 2800 is (703)872-9306

Examples of both certificates are provided below.

Art Unit: 2859

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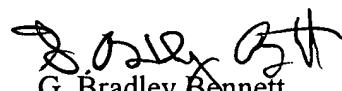
Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Amy R. Cohen whose telephone number is (571) 272-2238. The examiner can normally be reached on 8 am - 5 pm, M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Diego F. Gutierrez can be reached on (571) 272-2245. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

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